

COVID-19 DAILY UPDATES

Date	Population	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Total Test Completed	Number Hospitalized	Recovered	Pending Tests
12/09/2020							
Global	7.6 Billion	68,645,081	1,564,496			44,180,315	
Nationwide	330 Million	15,017,378 ^{^1%} (+194,909) past 24 hr.)	285,875 ^{^1%} (+2,557) past 24 hr.			9,132,589 ^{^1} (+106,066 past 24 hr)	
NC	10.4 Million	4410,527	5,661	5,731,775	2,440	341,041	
Madison County	21,763	679	18	5,675	7	410	134

Date	County	# of Cases	# of Deaths
12/09/2020	Avery	1,105	10
	Buncombe	6,438	135
	Burke	4,750	68
	Haywood	1,481	43
	Henderson	3,508	83
	Madison	679	18
	McDowell	2,235	36
	Mitchell	631	6
	Rutherford	2,941	80
	Yancey	697	2

The number of people hospitalized with the coronavirus in North Carolina has reached record highs every day for a week, and researchers have warned hospitals could soon run out of beds. Some are very close, according to new federal data.

In North Carolina, more than 95% of ICU hospital beds are occupied in at least eight cities and towns. Some of the state's biggest metros, including Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greensboro, are at more than 80% capacity. At least 2,440 patients were hospitalized with the coronavirus Wednesday, December 9 in North Carolina. This marks the seventh day in a row of record-breaking hospitalizations. Hospitals in the Durham area have a total of 131 ICU beds — 127 of which are full. Nearby Raleigh, by comparison, has 284 beds. About 240, or 85%, were full as of Dec. 3, DHS data show. At least 209 of Charlotte's 259 beds, or 81%, were full in the same time frame.

The number of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations in North Carolina has nearly doubled since the beginning of November, and it's been higher than 2,000 every day since Nov. 30, according to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 reported 6,495 new COVID-19 cases, up from 4,670 the day before. Wednesday's count was the highest ever reported in the state, surpassing the previous single-day record of 6,438 cases set on Sunday. Fifty-six additional coronavirus-related deaths were reported on Wednesday, December 9, 2020